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Lee Sims
State Engineers Office
1594 West North Temple
Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-6300

Re: Big Cottonwood Creek Distribution Committee

Dear Mr. Sims:

Salt Lake City appreciates this opportunity to comment on the proposed formation of a Distribution Committee for Big Cottonwood Creek. We are in support of the formation of such a committee along the lines that you outlined in our meeting last week and feel that only valid water right owners should be represented on the committee. Salt Lake City by virtue of ownership or exchange agreements controls 99.17% of the primary flows of Big Cottonwood Creek. These waters are delivered to over 400,000 customers within Salt Lake City's water service area.

We look forward to working with you in establishing a distribution committee that represents the water users of Big Cottonwood Canyon. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Jeff Niermeyer

Députy Director

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